Pathway to Kothamangalam River.

64. *Mr. E. K. Kuripe: Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken on the petition presented by the people to the P. W. Department offering to surrender land free of compensation for providing a way to reach the Kothamangalam river, at the 6th furlong 11th mile of the Vazhakulam-Kothamangalam road?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: The matter is under consideration.

Statement of roads pending completion in the Taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad and Parur.

65. *Mr. E. K. Kuripe: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of roads pending completion in the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad and Parur out of the roads sanctioned by Government till Karkatakam 1114; the number of them in respect of which construction work has yet to be started, the names of such roads; the amounts spent on each of them till now and the reason why they are left in incomplete stages; and the number of the above roads in respect of which work has been taken up this year?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: A statement is laid on the table.

Grant of sites for commemorating the Dewan's sixtieth birthday.

66. *Mr. E. K. Kuripe: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received by them from the different parts of Travancore praying for the grant of certain areas for the construction at public expenses of several institutions, useful even to the future generation, in commemoration of the sixtieth birthday of the present Dewan of Travancore?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of such applications, the names of localities and institutions for which sanction was accorded?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: (1) 14.

(2) The †statement asked for is laid on the table.

Thakazhi-Edathua road.

67. *Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any action has been taken to start work in connection with—

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(i) Thakazhi-Edathua section of the Alleppey-Mundakayam road ;

(ii) Cheriamuzhi and Valliathodu bridges in Ranni ; and

(iii) Kozhencherry bridge, as the Deputy Chief Engineer said at the last session of the Council ; and

(*b*) if not, will they be pleased to state when the work could be started and whether the two small bridges at Cheriamuzhi and Valliathodu could be completed this year ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : (*a*) Yes.

(i) An estimate for the construction of Thakazhi-Edathua road 4th section of the Thiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road was estimated for along with the 5th section *viz.*, Thakazhi-Ambalapuzha road. It has since been proposed to estimate for the 4th section separately to be taken up as a war relief work.

(ii) *Cheriamoozhy bridge.* An estimate for Rs. 5,480 for the work has been prepared and sanctioned and it is awaiting execution for want of funds.

Valiathodu bridge. Estimate for the work is being prepared and the work will be taken up after sanction to the same with funds.

(iii) *Kozhencherry bridge.* The work will be taken up after getting an idea of the durability of the Thottapally bridge.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : How long have we to wait for funds ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Funds will be provided as early as possible.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May we have any idea as to how long we will have to wait for the funds ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : I think it will be possible to include the funds in the next year's budget.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May we know whether any doubt is entertained about the durability of the Thottapalli bridge ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Government do not have any doubt about the durability of that bridge.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Then, why is the construction of the Kozhencherry bridge postponed ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : In constructing the Thottapalli Bridge a deviation was made from the ordinary bridge construction and Government want to make sure before they launch upon similar bridges.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how much time will be required to make sure about constructing similar bridges ?

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Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: It is not even one year since the Thottapalli bridge was constructed. We should wait at least for one or two years more.

Laws passed under Section 40 of the Legislative Reforms Act.

68. ***Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a year-war statement showing the names and number of laws passed under Section 40 of the Legislative Reforms Act II of 1108?

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): The statement is laid on the table.

Rice Mills in the State.

69. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of the rice mills in the State which were working in 1113 or 1114;

(*b*) the total quantity of paddy milled in those mills in 1113 or 1114; and

(*c*) the number of persons in the State who were engaged in hand-pounding rice who were thrown out of employment by the existence of the mills in 1113?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*):

(*a*) Trivandrum Division—25 in 1113.
Quilon Division—97 in 1113.
Kottayam Division—146 in 1113.

(*b*) Trivandrum Division—720,000 paras in 1113.
Quilon Division—1,502,289 paras in 1113.
Kottayam Division—764,939 paras in 1113.

(*c*) information not available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In regard to part (c) may I know from the member whether Government made any attempt to get the information?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Attempts have been made for collecting the information regarding the number of people who were thrown out of employment.

President: How is that to be done?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Proverthicars have been asked to furnish the information.

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